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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers of this nation held that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness;" and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln in his First Message to the Congress of the United States defined the high purposes of our people as "a struggle for maintaining in the world that form and substance of government whose leading object is to elevate the condition of men; to lift artificial weights from all shoulders; to clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all; to afford all an unfettered start and fair chance in the race of life;" and

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower has stated: "Today, when our national strength is being tested at every point, every American who helps, even in the smallest way, to make equality of opportunity a living fact, is helping America and is strengthening her against our enemies in the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 1957, on the 94th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's memorable Gettysburg Address, the National Urban League will focus attention throughout these United States, on positive efforts to insure fair and equal treatment to all citizens, regardless of race, color, religion or national origin; and

WHEREAS, IT is most fitting to set aside a day to remind ourselves that the greatness of our country rests upon the principle of equal opportunity for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 19, 1957, as

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DAY

and urge every citizen of the State of South Dakota to do everything in his power to advance this truly American cause of equal opportunity, so that all Americans will understand and appreciate the great advantages of our democratic way of life, and will also assume the responsibilities essential to the preservation of our freedom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 12 day of November, 1957.

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

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Governor